

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

TOWN OF MONSON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CERTIFICATION

November 10, 2014

Article 15:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Eight Dollars (\$17,228.00) to preserve the Original Town Record Books. The Town Record Books will be repaired, restored, de-acidified, re-sewn and re-bound for permanent protection. Said funds shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty One Dollars (\$89,561.00) to purchase play equipment, portable bleachers, install a playground at Flynt Park, and a gravel access road. Said funds shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for recreational opportunities pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds are to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17:

The Town voted unanimously against the Finance Committee's recommendation to reject Article 17 and a new motion was made by Leslie Duthie and seconded to approve the following article. The article unanimously passed.

To borrow and/or appropriate Three Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$316,475.00) for the acquisition by negotiated purchase a parcel of land of approximately 70 +/- acres owned by Helen and Thomas Moore located on the east side of Silver Street which is part of a lot as described on Assessors map 2, lot 11 to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Monson in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8C for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and to meet said appropriation with funds transferred and/or borrowed in accordance with the Community Preservation Act (M.G.L. c. 44B, et. seq.) and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file on behalf of the Town of Monson any and all applications deemed necessary under the Local Access for Natural Diversity Act (M.G.L. Chapter 132A, Section 11) or any other applications

for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition, and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized, as they deem appropriate, subject to Town Counsel approval to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Monson to affect said purchase. Said conservation restriction may be granted to the Opacum Land Trust, an organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18:

The Town voted unanimously to approve the following article.

To appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (\$107,400.00) to purchase 70+- acres of land owned by the Helen and Thomas Moore (June E. Skorupski Revocable Trust) dated June 25, 1992, to be known as the Stephen and June Skorupski Woodlands to be surveyed from the original parcel described by Assessors Maps 2, Parcel 11 and described in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 8093, Page 164 in the current appraisal and shown in the map attached thereto, located on the east side of Silver Street.

This sum of money represents the Town of Monson's required contribution to supplement the Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity Grant provided by the state under Article 97. This land is to remain permanent conservation land to be used for recreation and open space in accordance with the restrictions of Article 97. Said funds will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Account for the purchase of this land. Said funds to be expended under the Community Preservation Program for the conservation of open space pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B. Said funds will be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) to purchase 23+- acres of land owned by James and Kimberly Bailey, described by Assessors Maps 123, Lot 2 and described in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 13269, Page 219 and in the current appraisal and shown in the map attached thereto, and described as a parcel with no frontage which links the Town of Monson Cedar Swamp area to Norcross Wildlife Foundation property. This land will be owned by the Town of Monson under the care and custody of the Monson Conservation Commission, it is to remain permanent conservation land to be used for recreation and open space. And further, the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized, as they deem appropriate, subject to Town Counsel approval, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Monson to affect said purchase. Said conservation restriction may be granted to the Opacum Land Trust, an organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction. Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Account and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account for the purchase of this land. Said funds are to be expended under

the Community Preservation Program for the conservation of open space pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B. Said funds will be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Forty Three Thousand, One Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$43,156.00) for the restoration of the Jacob Thompson House, one of Monson's fine museums and a prime example of an early 19th century Federal house. Said funds will be used to restore the exterior of the house including some general carpentry work at various building exterior locations, strip and power wash the brick ends which will then be repainted incorporating the brick mortar line joints, strip and power wash the entire house, repaint the house, re-glaze the windows, install storm windows and two new pine doors to protect the original doors, replacement of 3 basement windows, repairs to the foundation and installation of shiplap pine siding boards on the garage annex. The Historical Society will also apply the Jacob Thompson House for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Restoration Account and Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars (\$13,156 .00) will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

I hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting was duly called and held and the warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:01 pm and upon completion of the articles, the meeting was dissolved at 7:58 pm.

A True Copy ATTEST:

Mary F. Watson
Monson Town Clerk

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